

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1724

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Arthur Lee of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Dr. Arthur Lee, a beloved tenured professor at Roane State Community College in Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, since joining the faculty of Roane State Community College in 2000, Dr. Lee had distinguished himself as a dedicated teacher and had earned the highest praise from his many students; his passion for education and for geology was contagious, and his devotion to his students was unparalleled; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee was instrumental in bringing to life a program called "Lab-in-a-Box," a hands-on approach to science for middle school students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee gave back to his community by teaching inmates at the Morgan County Correctional Complex; he drove there twice each week, once to deliver a three-hour lecture and then again to facilitate a lab session; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Dr. Lee earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Geosciences from Penn State University, a Master of Science degree in Geology from Temple University, and a Ph.D. in Geology from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, renowned as an incredible teacher with a big heart, Dr. Lee will be fondly remembered as a lover of the Beatles, a loyal friend who truly saw and sought the best in others, an educator with an endlessly curious mind, and a loving father; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arthur Lee is survived by his beloved children, Bill and Christine; his mother, Theresa; and his younger sisters, Annette and Angela; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Ying K. Lee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arthur Lee was a gifted educator and scientist who lived a life that overflowed with purpose and commitment, and we wish to pay tribute to him on this sad occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Arthur Lee, reflecting fondly upon his many contributions to Roane State Community College and the Oak Ridge community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and many friends and colleagues of Dr. Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.